

Modernising the Mid and North Hampshire Community Bed Offer: Expansion of Inpatient care at Alton Community Hospital

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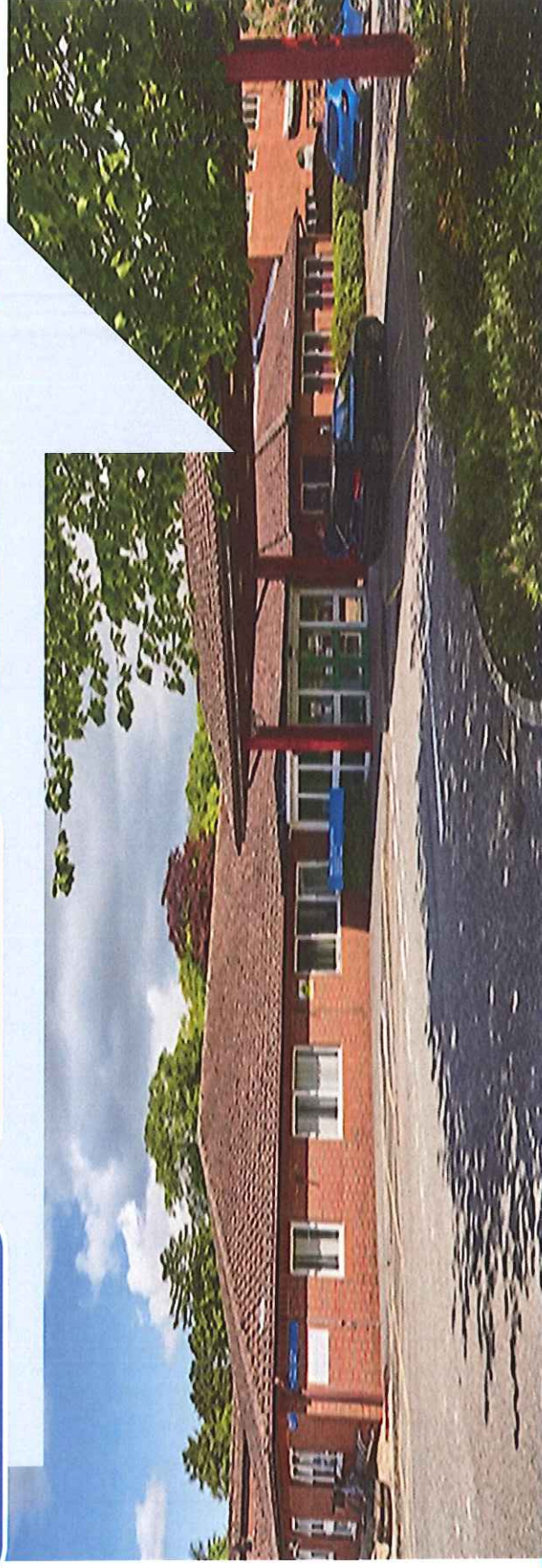
Welcome to Alton Community Hospital!

Alton has provided Community beds for the local population for several years, for patients coming home from hospital and those unwell at home

We know services within Alton Community Hospital give people an opportunity to recover and rehabilitate within a community setting so they can get home as soon as possible

More people need this type of support now, because we are all living longer & if needed we provide End of Life support also

Alton is expanding to respond to the increased need, providing rehab, recovery and end of life care



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Why Change?



Hospital Discharge and Community Support:

Policy and Operating Model

Published on 5 July 2021, this is a fully updated version of the document published on 21 August 2020.

More than 50% of over 65s require some support to get home after a hospital admission

Acute hospital is not the right environment for long-term decisions

Patient do not want a dis-jointed service where they have to repeat themselves, team in and out of hospital need to work together

Rehabilitation and recovery from an illness or injury at home is best, or a community hospital until ready for home

North Mid Hampshire Population Needs

Increase in
community beds
to align with rest
of Hampshire

What matters to patients? Not staying in an acute hospital longer than needed, care closer to home, supported by local health and social care teams.

Increased the
number of beds
during COVID
showed it was
needed

**Made a difference for patients, quicker discharge
from acute hospital and home once recovered**

Improving
outcomes and
experience

**Community environment with multi-
professional team to provide rehab
and recovery**

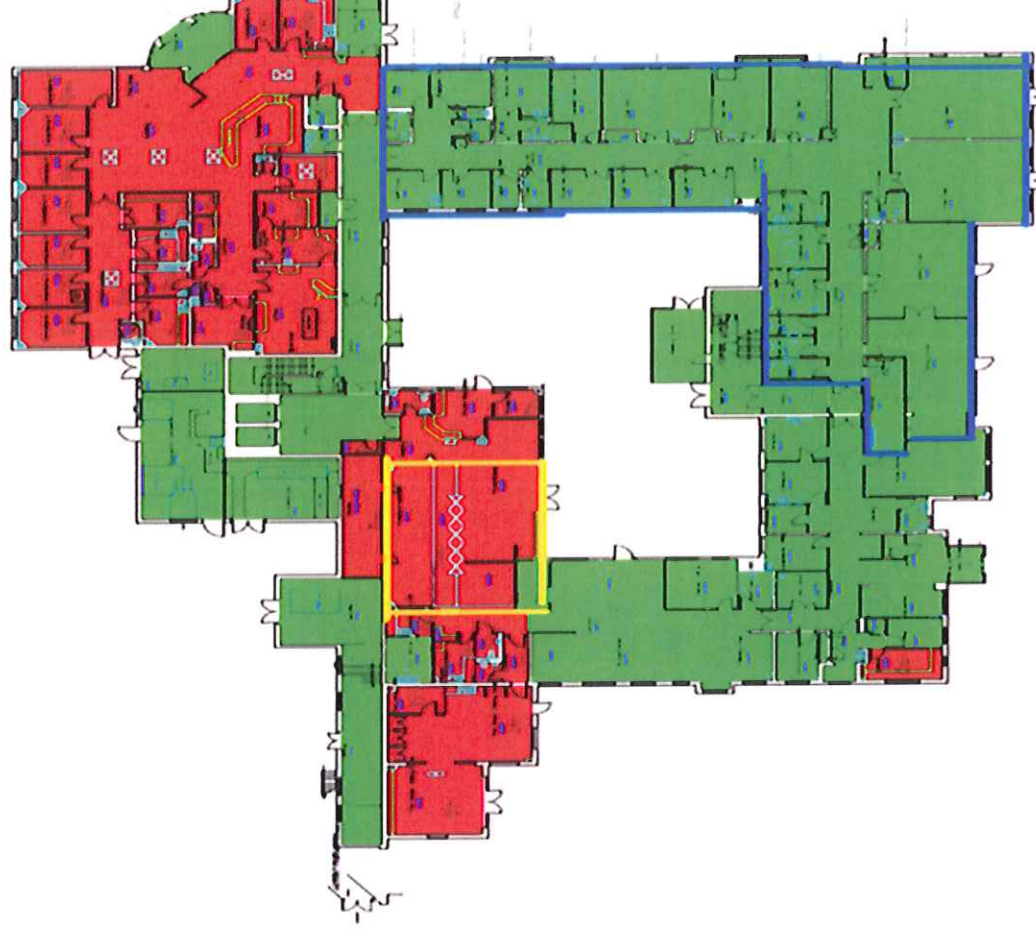
Admission from
home if required

**GPs can admit patients
for short-term rehab
and end of life care**

Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group

Investment Agreed – 2 wards in Alton Community Hospital

- Full Business Case approved July 2021
- Project Board and relevant governance structure established, including patient/carer involvement to ensure co-design of environment
- Clinical Model drafted internally and shared with system partners
- Building scoping work started and so far includes modernisation of existing heating, water and fire compartmentalisation, lift access to the first floor, nurse call systems and IT networking
- Phasing of bed opening being planned



Next Milestones

- Agree the medical cover, i.e. GP or consultant
 - Many different models across Hampshire, we need the right model for Alton
- Agree floor plans
 - Making sure we keep what is important to patients, and modernise the space for privacy and dignity
- Agree the building timeline and what happened to services using this space
 - Minimising disruption for current services and patients who access them
- Appoint contractor and start work
 - NHS has a robust procurement process to get the right people
- Continue with recruitment
 - We've already started recruiting and this will attract skilled and caring nurses, therapist and support workers
- Open fully by Spring 2022